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SENATE BILL 457

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Filed with: Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO WAIVE OCCUPATIONAL OR
PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FEES ASSESSED BY THE STATE FOR
EMPLOYEES OF STATE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO WAIVE
OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FEES
ASSESSED BY THE STATE FOR EMPLOYEES OF
STATE AGENCIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-1-111. Waiver of state occupational or professional license fee for
employee of state agency.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Occupational or professional license" means a license,
certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization:

(A) Issued by an occupational or professional licensing
entity within the executive or legislative departments of state government;
and

(B) Required by Arkansas law or rule for an individual to
engage in a particular occupation or profession;

1 (2) “Occupational or professional licensing entity” means an
2 office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of
3 the executive or legislative departments of state government having authority
4 to license, certify, register, permit, or otherwise authorize an individual
5 to engage in a particular occupation or profession; and

6 (3) “State agency” means:

7 (A) Every board, commission, department, division, or
8 office of state government within the executive, legislative, and judicial
9 departments; and

10 (B) All state-supported postsecondary educational
11 institutions, including without limitation colleges and universities,
12 vocational and technical schools, and community colleges.

13 (b) An occupational or professional licensing entity shall waive the
14 fee assessed by the state for an occupational or professional license for an
15 individual employed by a state agency if the individual requires an
16 occupational or professional license to perform his or her job duties for the
17 state agency.

18 (c) Subsection (b) of this section does not apply to an individual
19 employed:

20 (A) By the state agency employing the individual for less than
21 one (1) year; or

22 (B) By a state agency on less than a full-time basis.

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25 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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